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this bill and we'll see if we can't make it better so at least Ernie thinks that it's drafted correctly. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: (Visitors introduced.) Senator Chambers, on the motion to indefinitely postpone LB 270.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President and members of the Legislature. anecdotal instances can be given to support anything that person floats before the Legislature. We've had bills in the past to legalize laetrile as a treatment that is called an Laetrile has been discredited by everybody, yet, alternative. those who supported it could always find people who said that they had cancer diagnosed in the last stages; they took laetrile and they're completely cured. These kind of stories can be found everywhere. No lastrile bills have been coming through the Legislature again. This bill on acupuncture, regardless of what the legal staff person told Senator Hudkins, despite the anecdotal statement of our parson, an official parson, not just dubbed one by me, Parson Kruse I'm talking about, because some may think that since Dr. Cap Dierks gave the prayer this morning he may have taken up that profession. I hope he hasn't. the point I'm trying to make is this. We, as a Legislature, establish public policy. A lot of these kind of bills are not even read by the members of a committee who will hear the bill. can there be a determination as to whether Nebraska standards are being met when they talk about licensing somebody who is allowed to practice in another jurisdiction when Nebraska You are sanctifying an activity and you're has no standards? putting no standards whatsoever in the bill. reciprocity provision would require that the standards in the other state be at least as stringent as those in Nebraska. That would mean that no standards need be met because Nebraska has no It may seem like a trifling matter to people on this standards. floor because some of you, if you want to go to an acupuncturist, you'll go to a doctor or a chiropractor who has Are these individuals going to have malpractice insurance. If they blunder, if, instead of malpractice insurance? inserting the needle where it should go, they damage a nerve, what then? Where is the liability on the acupuncturist? Will the acupuncturist be able to respond in damages? There is no bonding requirement. There is no requirement of insurance.